

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 129
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.R.
No. 129 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIRPORT
AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Transportation to develop a plan for the
establishment of an Airport Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation, Hawaiian Airlines, Airlines
Committee of Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that several airports in other
jurisdictions have airport authorities that are highly regarded
for their efficient operation. This operational model offers the
flexibility, stability, expertise, and accountability of a private
sector business along with the necessary government oversight. An
airport authority in the State would provide a degree of
independence and flexibility that is enjoyed by other
jurisdictions. Your Committee believes that airport operations
could be improved by the creation of an airport authority.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting language urging the Department of Transportation to develop a plan for the establishment of a ports authority, rather than an airport authority, to have jurisdiction over the management, construction, operations, and finances of the State's airports and harbors;
- (2) Inserting language to provide background information that more clearly articulates the purpose and intent;
- (3) Inserting language to request the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Legislature on its plan to establish a port authority;
- (4) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 129, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 129, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				11
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	7			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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